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**Monday, Dec. 26, 1881.**

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## Literary Notes.

A poem suggested by the death of President Garfield comes all the way from Rugby, England, under peculiar circumstances. It will be published in the February number of *Harper's Magazine*, and is called "A Message from England to America." Professor Goodwin, of Harvard, writes concerning this poem:

"I have been much gratified by the strong feeling with which the Rugby School received the death of President Garfield. They had addressed to him, on the boys, and one of them wrote me that the boys were all glad to lend their play to hear about General Grant's poem in honor of Mr. Morton under the influence of that occasion, and I think it is pleasant (apart from any merits of the poem itself) to have such an expression of warm feeling from such a school."

"Gutie" has written a very bright little comedy called, "Cloth of Gold and Cloth of Frieze," which will be commenced in *Harper's Weekly* for Jan. 5. It is a good story in itself.

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The post offices in the world never rest, except the postman, trying to curl his feet up and out of sight under the pew, to the painfully obtrusive and evident fact that the wife of his bosom had used his blacking brush to polish the kitchen stove.—*Burlington Hawk-eye*.

The politest young man going is a resident of this city. He took off his hat to talk to a young lady through the telephone.—*Cincinnati Commercial*.

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